



U.S. Department  
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# Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in October 2022 for more than \$11 million in grants for entities to provide legal services to Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness as part of its new Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant Program (LSV-H).

VA awarded up to \$150,000 in grant funding 79 organizations to provide legal services to eligible Veterans. The LSV-H grants will begin August 1, 2023.

## Services That Can Be Provided by the LSV-H Program

Allowable legal services covered under the LSV-H Program include (with additional detail in 38 CFR 79.20):

- Housing
- Family law
- Income support
- Criminal defense, in cases related to homelessness
- Discharge or dismissal upgrades
- Other covered legal services as the Secretary determines appropriate

Eligible Veterans for assistance under the LSV-H Program include those who:

- Served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; and
- Are homeless (as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and 38 CFR 79.15(a); or
- Are at risk for homelessness (as defined in 38 CFR Part 79.15(b))

## Awarded Organizations

The LSV-H grants are awarded to both public entities and nonprofit private entities.

To the extent practicable, VA ensured that legal services grants are equitably distributed across geographic regions, including rural communities, trust lands, Native American communities, and tribal organizations. Additionally, for any fiscal year, no less than 10% of the amount authorized to be appropriated for these grants shall be used to provide legal services to women Veterans. View the full list of awarded grantees here: [https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/lsv/LSV-H\\_Award\\_list.pdf](https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/lsv/LSV-H_Award_list.pdf)

## More Information about the NOFO

The FY 23 grant application period closed on December 30, 2022. For more information, including updates on future NOFOs, visit the Legal Services for Veterans website:

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/lsv.asp>

If you have questions or want more information, email [LSVGrants@va.gov](mailto:LSVGrants@va.gov).